



# YANK CENTER FIELDS WEAKEST ON PAPER OF ANY SERIES CONTENDERS

## THE CENTER FIELDS

Player	Club	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	D.P.	Pct.
Tris Speaker	Indians	120	322	14	6	342	1	.982
Max Carey	Pirates	117	349	14	11	374	6	.971
George Burns	Giants	130	320	16	11	347	3	.968
"Chick" Fawcett	Yankees	30	70	4	2	76	1	.974
Elmer Miller	Yankees	30	64	5	5	74	1	.982

  

Player	A.B.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	H.R.	T.B.	S.H.	S.B.	Pct.
Speaker	466	103	174	51	15	3	264	8	3	.373
Carey	437	69	134	28	4	7	191	22	27	.307
Burns	541	104	164	24	9	4	218	7	19	.303
Fawcett	197	38	55	15	0	0	70	2	3	.279
Miller	128	28	35	4	3	2	51	7	1	.274

Judging by their record on paper, the Yankee's center fielders, "Chick" Fawcett and Elmer Miller, do not amount to much, and would look like the weak spots of the New York American team, should Huggins send his entry into the world's series.

Nevertheless, a lot of persons around New York are convinced that the bringing back of Elmer Miller from the minors in midseason was one of the shrewdest moves Huggins made all year. Before Miller, the lumbering Bodie and the unfortunate Fawcett played center, and the position unquestionably was the weakest on the New York team.

Miller is not a particular robust batter, but he certainly has closed up that gap in center field. Rated exclusively for his ability as an outfielder, Miller belongs up with Speaker, despite a fielding average of .932. He goes well to his right or left, and has the natural gift of being able to tell where a fly ball will drop as soon as it leaves the bat.

In the event that the Giants play the Yankees, McGraw will have a splendid man in center field in the veteran, George Burns. As far as records are concerned Burns has it on Miller in every way, though in winning the two men play, Burns' margin is not so great.

After playing left field on the Giants for eight seasons, Burns was shifted to center field this year after Meusel was procured from Philadelphia. For a spell ground balls bothered Burns in center field, but he soon caught on to the knack of playing the new position.

George remains the same clever head-on man, and continues to hold his position among the .300 hitters. He was one of the first National League to go over one hundred runs this season.

Burns is the only player left of McGraw's three-time pennant winners, the club of 1911, 1912, and 1913, though George did not get into the world's series until 1915.

Burns' hitting in his two world's series was disappointing to his admirers as he fell far below his National League standard. He hit only .155 against the Athletics pitchers in 1915, and .237 against the White Sox hurlers in 1917.

Pittsburgh has the next best center fielder in "Scoops" Carey, one of the real fly hawks of the profession. Carey isn't quite as young as he used to be, and had legs have bothered him a good bit this season. However, his legs still were spry enough to steal twenty-seven bases up to Labor Day.

Carey deserves high rank among the present crop of center fielders, and never in the game's history has baseball known such an efficient lot—Speaker, Roush, Carey, Burns, Jacobson, Powell, Cobb, Rice, Williams, and Myers.

Max has cracked the ball for a dusty .240 average all season, and he is especially adept as a sacrifice man.

At the time of writing Tris Speaker was out of the game with a twisted knee, and there was no telling when he would get back. However, should Cleveland beat out the Yankees, Speaker would be in the world's series if they would have to wheel him in on a stretcher.

Up to Labor Day, he was leading the center fielders of the world se-

ries contenders at bat with .373 and a field with .932.

Speaker is a veteran of world series wars, and like Larry Gardner, his team mate, never played on a loser. Tris hit an even .300 when the Red Sox beat the Giants in 1912 and batted .294 in the Red Sox-Phillie series of 1915. Last fall Speaker cracked the Brooklyn slabs for an average of .320.

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By beating the Cubs in a grandstand finish New York increased its lead to four full games, aided by the Brooklyn Dodgers, who took the Pirates into camp in the first game of a scheduled double-header at Pittsburgh, which was stopped by rain.

New York now has seven games to play, and if McGraw's men win three

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## BUT ONE POINT SEPARATES YANKS AND INDIANS TODAY

By JACK VELOCK.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The American League race is as tight as a Pullman window again today.

Thanks to a rainstorm that discouraged the Yanks and Tigers and Cleveland's decisive victory over the Boston Red Sox, the Indians have crawled up to within one percentage point of New York in their nose-and-noose dash for the American League pennant.

This situation may prevail tomorrow when Cleveland arrives here for the all-important series of four games that is expected to decide the issue.

The Yankees are not going to be cheated out of the chance to profit by playing the Tigers, however, for they were scheduled to dispose of Wednesday's postponed game at the Polo Grounds today and sunny weather was the order.

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## HALF-DOLLAR SEATS FAVORED FOR BIG SERIES

San Johnson Wants Normalcy in Price—To Meet Landis and Heydler.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—San Johnson, president of the American League, today declared himself in favor of a return to normalcy in admission prices for world series baseball, and said that he was in favor of restoring the 50-cent bleacher seats.

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## ENTRIES CLOSE FOR DISTRICT TENNIS TRIALS

Dumbarton Club Acts As Host for Tournament Starting in Georgetown on Saturday.

Drawings will be made for the annual District of Columbia tennis championships with the closing of the entries tomorrow night at the Dumbarton Club. The thirty-third annual tournament will begin Saturday, weather permitting, on the Dumbarton courts.

There will be singles, doubles, mixed doubles and women's singles and doubles. The tournament, starting Saturday, will run over Sunday, although the matches scheduled for Sunday will not be obligatory.

Col. Wait Johnson, Douglas Hillyer and Capt. Albert J. Gore are in charge of the tournament. Dumbarton has eight courts which are in prime shape. The singles will be run off first and the men's doubles started immediately thereafter.

## ZACHARY IS HARD PITCHER FOR BABE RUTH TO SLAM

By BABE RUTH.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The pitching experts for the closing season confirm what I wrote early in the year about having no more fear for one pitcher than I have for another. It is true some of them tie me up in knots from time to time, but I mean I don't have any special tricks up my sleeve for Walter Johnson or Red Faber that I do not use on every other pitcher.

This is not said in a bragging spirit or intended to take away credit from any of the star pitchers I have faced. It is a matter of confidence and experience, backed by results that eliminate all dispute.

Of my fifty-six home runs this year, in only four instances have I secured as many as three off the same pitcher. One of these being the King of Speed, Walter Johnson; the other three were Daus, of the Tigers; Caldwell, of the Indians, and Davis, of the Browns.

The fact that fifty-six circuit swats were collected off of thirty-seven different pitchers shows that I have no "easy marks" or particular favorites.

Has Respect for Speed.

There was a time when I did considerable thinking as I faced the powerful speed-ball wizard of the Senators. And, take it from me, I nor anyone else in the American League have anything but a whole-some respect for his terrific speed today. In his last game against the Yankees at the Polo Grounds Johnson had as much smoke for seven innings as I ever saw in my life.

Last year I had a tough time knocking him for one long home run. This season the first time I faced him I drove the first ball he pitched out of the park.

Zachary, a teammate of Johnson, is no sensation in the pitching averages, but he has crossed me more than any of the stars. I believe he struck me out more than any other pitcher this year, and so far as I remember has only weakened and walked me to first on one occasion.

When it comes to the walking evil, there is no particular class of pitchers more guilty than the other. In many instances it is the manager on the bench and not the pitcher who is to blame. Lee Fohl, of the St. Louis Browns, must have a mania for bases on balls, because Shocker and Davis give me more free tickets than any two pitchers in the league.

Ehmke Very Liberal.

I have heard several times that Ty Cobb is panned for instructing his pitchers to "pitch" to me. In other words to take a chance and fool me if possible. Well, if that is true, I

## FRUSH CLAIMS KILBANE FOULED HIM IN FIRST

CLEVELAND, Sept. 22.—Danny Frush, of Baltimore, knocked out by Johnny Kilbane in the seventh round of their title bout at Dunn field Saturday afternoon in the seventh round, today claims the featherweight crown won by his opponent. He bases his claim on the alleged foul committed by Kilbane in the first round and the fact that in two subsequent sessions Kilbane continued to fight after the bell rung.

Frush, who has broken with Sammy Harris, his manager, says he will make his future home in Cleveland.

## WHITE FANS EIGHTEEN ON MOUND FOR CAR MEN

Lefty White, pitching for the Capital Traction Company, fanned eighteen members of the Fire Department team and allowed three hits, winning 2 to 1 in ten innings, yesterday.

House scored the winning run on a wild throw from the catcher to third base.

## FINISH UP BETTER

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## By TAD GRIFFS CREEP INTO FIRST DIVISION BY WINNING TWO

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Thanks to a number of things, the Washington Griff's are back in the first division and, better than that, they are but one game behind the third-place St. Louis Browns. They have nothing to do today, but tomorrow they will take the field at Georgia avenue for the first of three contests against the Detroit Tigers. That will practically close Washington's major league campaign of 1921. On Sunday, October 2, Connie Mack's Athletics will ring down the curtain until next spring.

The Chicago muffins were a bit crusty in the double-header ending their activities for the year in the Capital. They sent "Red" Faber against Tom Phillips in the opener. The Griff's hopped upon Faber's stuff for three runs in the first frame and then failed to do a single thing down to the bitter end. But Tom Phillips was on the job and, with brilliant support, held the Sox to two runs, winning his first game with the Griff's.

Much to the disgust of the cheering fans, O'Rourke was Manager McBride's pitching choice against Jim Russell, a long southpaw, for the second tussle. Erickson had to obey orders, but the cost to him took from the fans was almost disheartening. Nevertheless, he went out there and did the best he could. Ten hits for three runs in six innings was his best. When he gave way to Frank Woodward, who broke forth. The fans apparently preferred untried hurlers to those who have been pitching for the Washington team this season.

Russell, captured in the wilds of Sioux City, Iowa, was invincible until the eighth. Then he proceeded to blow up. He was leading, 3 to 0, when he passed Shanks and Gharitty to start the eighth. Blackie O'Rourke promptly plattered a single to left, scoring Shanks.

They Win in Ninth.

The Griff's copped in the ninth, to the wild roar of the fans. Bucky Harris opened with a double to left, and Zeb Milan, closing the season in truly wonderful fashion, blasted a triple to the scoreboard, scoring Harris. Rice slapped a safety to right and Milan was across with the tying tally. Kid Glesmon yanked his erring southpaw and substituted Wilkinson, a thrower, "Goose" Goslin, instead of

## HIGH AND LOW SCORES OF THE WEEK

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